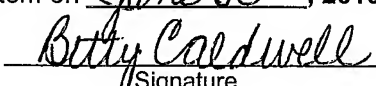
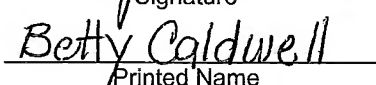


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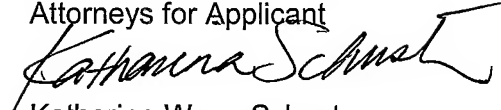
Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner's Interview Summary dated June 17, 2010 to summarize the interview conducted with Examiner David C. Comstock on May 24, 2010 with Applicants' representative, Katharina W. Schuster. During the interview, Applicant's representative agreed to amend independent claims 1, 36 and 49 to further recite that the grooves pass through the top and bottom of the implant to distinguish from the grooves of Biscup, which stop short of the top and bottom. As all the elements of the claimed invention as amended are not found in Biscup or the prior art of record, it was agreed that the amendment places the application into condition, pending an updated search.

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